

# DDCN Welcomes CDR Joseph Sermarini, SC, USN

CDR Timothy French, SC, USN, relinquished command of Defense Distribution Depot Cherry Point, North Carolina (DDCN) to CDR Joseph T. Sermarini, SC, USN, on June 6, 2003 at a ceremony officiated by BG Kathleen M. Gainey, USA, Commander, Defense Distribution Center (DDC).

CDR French was presented with the Defense Meritorious Service Medal for his service at DDCN. CDR French distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious service June 2000 to June 2003. During this period, the outstanding professional skill, leadership, and tireless efforts of CDR French resulted in outstanding distribution support to units in wartime action throughout the world, including Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. CDR French led the distribution center's wartime distribution efforts while undergoing the dynamics of converting operations from a government to a contracted workforce, all while ensuring seamless support to the Warfighter. His team reduced stow times by 60%, significantly reduced costs, exceeded the production measurement of lines per paid equivalent by 10%, and reduced the cost per line to an all time low.

CDR Joseph T. Sermarini, SC, USN, earned a Bachelors degree in Economics at Florida State University in 1984 and a Masters degree in Transportation Logistics Systems



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Management at the Naval Postgraduate School in 2000. Commander Sermarini's sea duty tours include: Disbursing Officer, Sales Officer, and Food Service Officer in USS CORONADO (AGF11) and Supply Officer in USS MCINERNEY (FFG-8).

His shore tours have included a Petroleum Management Internship at FISC Puget Sound, Manchester, Washington; Sub-Area Petroleum Office, Singapore; Petroleum Officer, Combat Logistics Force Officer, Fleet Expediter and Seventh Fleet Area Mail Coordinator for Commander, Logistics Force Western Pacific, Singapore, and Transportation Training Division Head for Navy Supply Corps School, Athens, Georgia.

CDR Sermarini's personal awards include the Navy Commendation Medal (three awards) and various unit, campaign and service awards. He is qualified as a Surface Warfare Supply Officer and has subspecialty designations in petroleum management and transportation management.

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